

Public Notice

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July 9, 2009

Public Notice U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

AUTHORITY: Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

APPLICANT:

Ms. Melanie Bumpus Tennessee Department of Transportation Environmental Permits Office Suite 900, J.K. Polk Building 505 Deaderick Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0334 (615) 253-2466

PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to construct a total of 0.614-mile of road along the existing alignment of State Route 194 for public use. The new construction will include the replacement of structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete bridges with the purpose of maintaining the continuity of State Route 194. The new construction will consist of two 12-foot lanes, 4-foot to 8-foot varied paved shoulders, varied guardrail, and varied typical to ditch centerline. The deposition of fill material into waters and/or other waters of the U.S. requires authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

LOCATION: The first project area (bridges at Log Miles 1.06 & 1.18) is located just north of Rossville in Fayette County, Tennessee, as shown on Location Map 1 based on a portion of the Rossville, Tennessee 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle. The second project area (bridges at Log Mile 8.51 (Shaw's Creek) and Log Mile 9.27 (branch of Shaw's Creek)) is located near Macon in Fayette County, Tennessee, as shown on Location Map 2 based on a portion of the Macon, Tennessee 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle. Detailed descriptions of the proposed work and specific locations are provided below.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Sites #1 and #2 (longitude 89.5399° / latitude 35.0586°) at Log Mile 1.06 and Log Mile 1.18 include the replacement of existing bridges with a 240-foot ±, 4 span, concrete girder bridge over an overflow and associated wetlands adjacent to the Wolf River. Both the north and south abutments of the proposed bridge will be stabilized with Class A rock riprap. (Please see attached plans labeled "Present and Proposed Layout L.M. 1.06 & 1.18".) Impacts to wetlands are proposed totaling 3.2 acres, of which 1.9 acres are temporary wetland impacts and 1.3 acres are permanent wetland impacts. The applicant proposes to mitigate permanent wetland impacts by debiting at a 4:1 ratio, 5.2-acres from available wetland credits at the Obion Wetland Mitigation Bank. Mitigation for temporary wetland impacts is offered on-site with the reestablishment of pre-construction conditions including the replanting of appropriate bottomland tree seedlings at a density of 400 trees/acre. An electric line will also be relocated as required at the overflow and wetland locations due to new roadway fill slopes.

Site #3 (longitude 89.4867°, latitude 35.1459°) at Log Mile 8.51 includes the replacement of an existing bridge with an 80-foot ±, 3-span, PBB girder bridge over Shaw's Creek. (Please see attached plans labeled "Present and Proposed Layout L.M. 8.51".) An electric line will also be relocated as required at Shaw's Creek due to widening of the existing alignment.

Site # 4 (longitude 89.4954°, latitude 35.1561°) at Log Mile 9.27 includes the replacement of an existing bridge with an 80-foot ±, 3-span, PBB girder bridge over a branch of Shaw's Creek. The applicant also proposes to fill 420 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to a branch of Shaw's Creek and relocate the filled section into a new channel 420 linear feet in length. (Please see attached plans labeled "Present and Proposed Layout L.M. 9.27".) The applicant is proposing mitigation for the proposed relocation which will include planting two rows of tree or shrub species along both sides of the new channel.

In addition to the impacts listed above, the applicant requests all proposed outfall structures (ditches, pipes, etc.) associated with the proposed bridge crossings and potential temporary stream crossings at each permit site be authorized or approved by any final permit document. Temporary crossings will be located within right-of-way or easements.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: The applicant should request water quality certification from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control that the activity will comply with applicable requirements set forth in 33 U.S.C. and 1341(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and all State laws and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. This certification or evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit. The Corps of Engineers' evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, are known to exist in the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a survey of the project area. A preliminary search of in-house records indicated no sites have been recorded within the project area. However, the lack of recorded sites may be due to lack of cultural surveys around the project area.

FLOOD PLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Federally recognized Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement

pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

COMMENTS: To request additional information or provide comments on this notice, please contact Mr. Mitch Elcan using the information below:

U.S. Army Engineer District - Memphis

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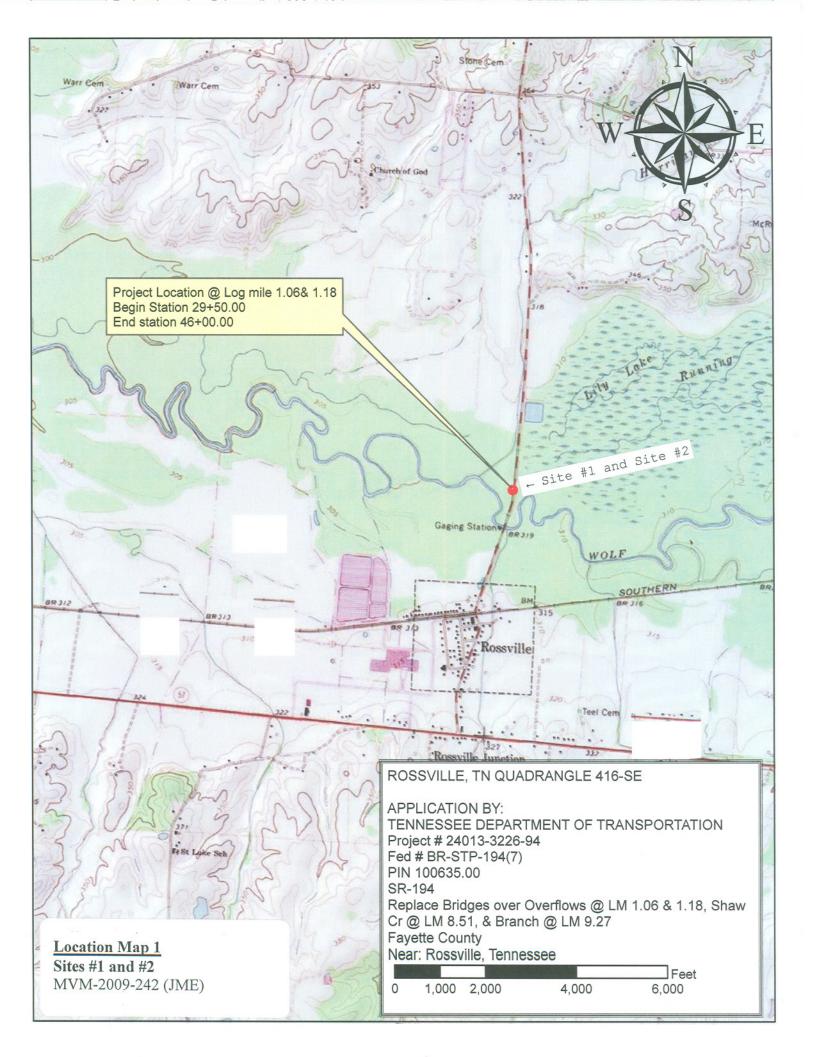
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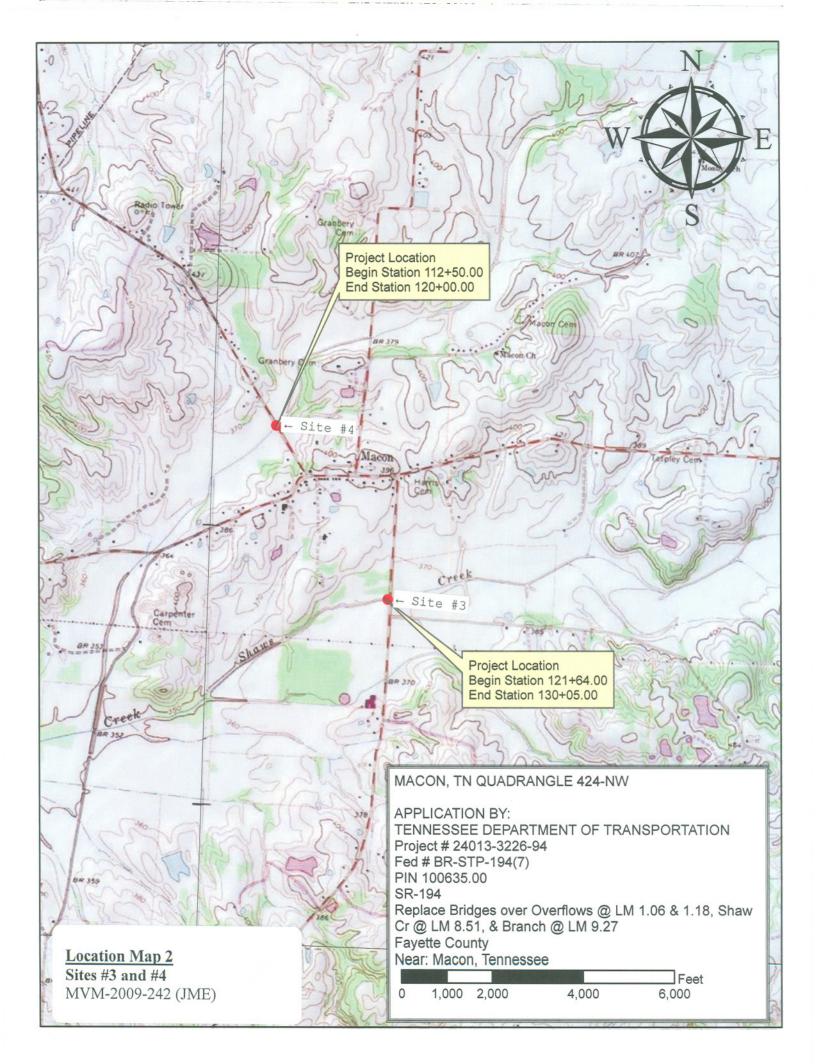
Comments may be sent via mail or e-mail. The Corps may provide copies of all comments, (including name & address of those providing comments) to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision. Comments should be received by the expiration date listed on page one of this notice.

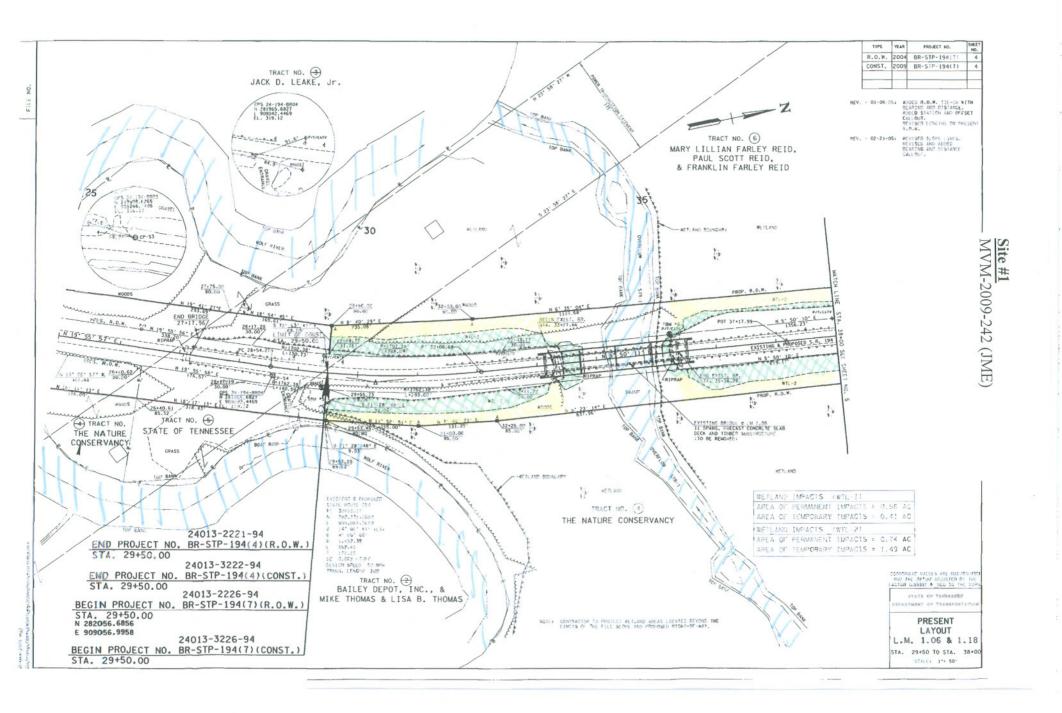
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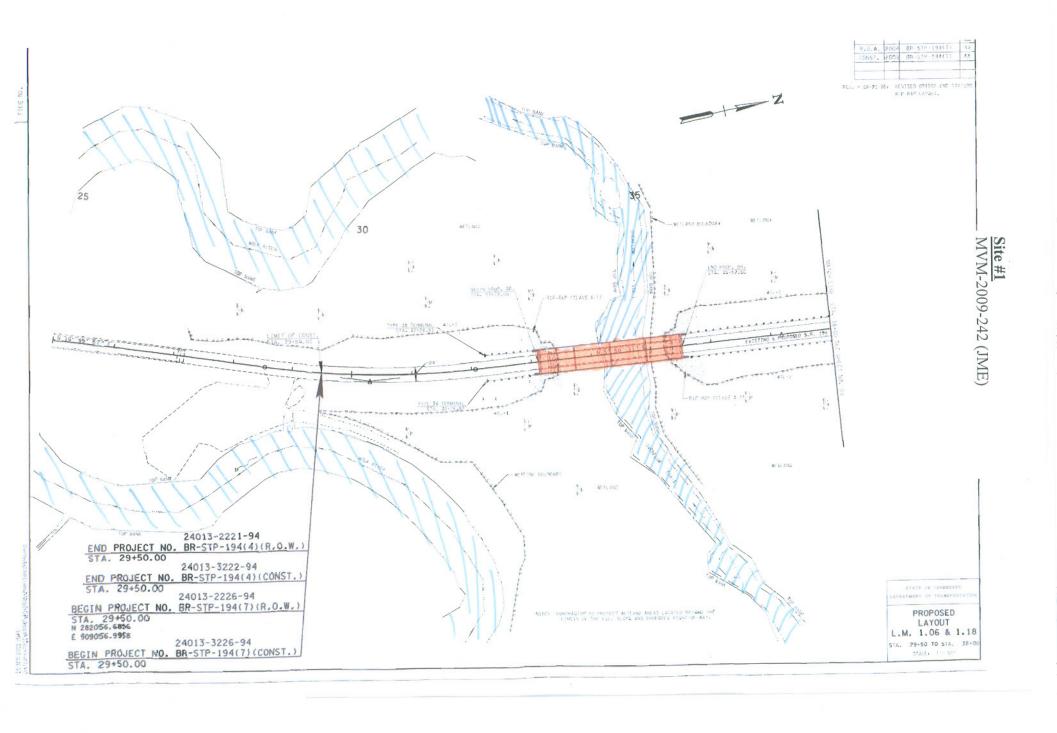
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